# MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

#### OF THE

#### EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### **January 9, 2015**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on January 9, 2015 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Michael Sligar and Jeffrey Padwa.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the December 5, 2014 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

**VOTED** To approve the meeting minutes of December 5, 2014.

### **HEARINGS**

**Anna Canto** 

Juvenile Program Worker, Rhode Island Training School (estimated service credits 6 years, 10 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To Upheld the Board's previous decision on

September 10, 2014 and re-affirmed Ms. Canto's

Accidental pension @ 50%.

Jane Calo Assistant Administrative Officer, RI Department of

Environmental Management. Ordinary Disability

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Sligar:

**VOTED:** To Uphold the Board's previous decision on

October 3, 2014 to notify employer that Ms. Calo should be put on their employment recall list.

Suzanne Leclair Community Living Aide, BHDDH- RICLAS.

(Estimated service credits 6 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Padwa:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** 

Ms. Leclair's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Sligar voted yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr.

Finelli voted Nay.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Padwa:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Ms. Leclair's application for an ordinary disability

retirement.

# ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Mark Sheridan Correctional Officer, Department of Corrections.

(Estimated service credits 26 years, 8 months, 28

days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Padwa:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Mr. Sheridan's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement.

Timothy Davis Mental Health Worker, MHRH. (Estimated service

credits 15 years, 3 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Mr. Davis' application for an accidental disability

retirement.

### **ACCIDENTAL MATTER PREVIOUSLY APPROVED**

Richard Fleming Storekeeper, URI. (Estimated service credits 24

years, 8 months)

Report Accepted.

### **ACCIDENTAL**

**Keith Robert** Correctional Officer, Department of Corrections.

(Estimated service credits 5 years, 8 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Mr. Robert's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the

time of his retirement.

Eleuterio Scafi Building Systems Technician, Department of

Corrections. (Estimated service credits 13 years,

9 months, 27 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical

reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Sligar:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Mr. Scafi's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the

time of his retirement.

**Audrey Williams** Community Living Aide, Zambarano. (Estimated

service credits 18 years, 1 month)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Padwa:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Mr. Williams' application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

Marcia Berg Community Living Aide, BHDDH. Carpenter,

MHRH. (Estimated service credits 8 years, 10

months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Padwa:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Ms. Berg's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of her compensation at the

time of her retirement.

#### <u>ORDINARY</u>

Susan Koerner Teacher Assistant, South Kingstown School

Department. (Estimated service credits 12 years,

6 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Ms. Koerner's application for an ordinary disability

retirement.

**Dennis Falso** Principal Computer Operator, DOA/DOIT.

(Estimated service credits 18 years, 9 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board

Postpone a decision on Mr. Falso's application for

an ordinary disability pension.

**Richard Brousseau** Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public

Defender. (Estimated service credits 27 years, 11

months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Padwa:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Mr. Brousseau's application for an ordinary

disability retirement.

**Joanne Decurtis** Teacher, Johnston school Department.

(Estimated service credits 15 years, 6 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Padwa and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Ms. Decurtis' application for an ordinary disability

retirement subject to a 1 year review.

Virginia Hiatt Certified Nursing Assistant, BHDDH-Zambarano.

(Estimated service credits 9 years, 6 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Padwa:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Ms. Hiatt's application for an ordinary disability

retirement.

Mary Murphy Senior Auditor, Bureau of Audits. (Estimated

service credits 21 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Ms. Murphy's application for an ordinary disability

retirement.

Jennifer Palumbo Teacher, East Providence School Department.

(Estimated service credits 10 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Padwa:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** 

Ms. Palumbo's application for an ordinary disability

retirement.

Agenda None

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

**VOTED** To adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.

GCM: gsb

January 30, 2015